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Serial No.: 09/683,099 Docket No.: YMBP0001USA

10 Title: HEARING AID DEVICE WITH FREQUENCY-SPECIFIC
AMPLIFIER SETTINGS

To: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
15 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subject: Petition to withdraw holding of abandonment

Dear Sir or Madame

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The following is a petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application, as per MPEP 711.03(c)(II).

25 On 03/08/2004, this office received a Notice of Abandonment for failing to respond to an Office Letter mailed on 05/16/2003. Consequently, the USPTO's PAIR system was utilized to perform a check of the above-identified application. The PAIR system indicated that a Non-Final Rejection was mailed on 05/16/2003
30 and a Response after Non-Final Action was received by USPTO on 08/14/2003. Then, a Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment was mailed on 10/21/2003. However, this office never

received the Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment of 10/21/2003, and a search of the file jacket and docket records attests to the fact that the Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment in question was never received.

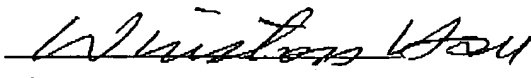
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Please see the enclosed copies of the file dockets (2 pages) for the present application file wrapper. The line with the red encircled "1" indicates that utility patent application were sent on 11/17/2001 to the USPTO (The discrepancy between the sent day and the application day is due to time difference). On 02/20/2002, as indicated by the red encircled "2", the Updated Filing Receipt was received by this office from the USPTO. As indicated on the red encircled "3", on 05/27/2003, an Office Action dated 05/16/2003 was received. Subsequently, response to the above-mentioned Office Action, as indicated on the red encircled "4", was sent to the USPTO by fax on 08/14/2003 and by Federal Express on 08/15/2003. On 08/22/2003, as indicated by the red encircled "5", the Notice of Publication was received by this office. On 12/16/2003, as indicated by the red encircled "6", the Office communication granted on request to withdraw as attorney was received by this office. Finally, On 03/08/2004, as indicated by the red encircled "7", the Notice of Abandonment was received by this office. This was the last piece of correspondence received by this office from the USPTO. On 03/11/2004, as shown on line "8", this office utilized the USPTO's PAIR system to ascertain the status of the instant application, and learned of the non-received Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment of 10/21/2003. No other correspondence was received for this case from the USPTO between lines "5" and "6", and hence the Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment was clearly not received by this office for the instant application.

Due to the above, and with regards to MPEP 711.03(c)(II),
the applicant respectfully requests that the holding of
abandonment of the present application be withdrawn.
5 Additionally, the applicant requests that the Notice of
Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment dated 10/21/2003 be
re-sent.

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Sincerely yours,


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Date: 3/12/2004

本所案號: YMB-P0001-USA 名稱: Hearing aid device with
 客戶案號: frequency-specific amplifier settings.
 國外案號: 09/683,079 申請日期: 11/16/01 專利日期:
 發明人: 楊明良, 方維倫, 沈世雄

文件編號	階段	績效編號	日期	記錄人	項目	摘要
	A1	ZOE3	2001/10/22	David	From 沈世雄	新案 (期限 2001/11/20)
			2001/11/12	David		Spec Writing
			11/13/01	John		spec edit
			11/11/01	John		claim writing
			11/13/01	David	to "	修正內容
			11/16/01	David	to "	修正內容
①			11/17	David	To. Eto.	差(中)
			12/15	"	from "	receipt (須補圖)
			1/15/02	"	To. "	補圖
			2/6	"	from "	receipt
②			2/20	"	"	receipt (updated)
③			5/27/2003	Christina	from PTO	再審通知, 官方期限 2003.8.16
			6/27	Lin	from 沈世雄	提醒
			6/13	Lin	from River	請於 7/16 前提交意見書
			7/1	Alex Hu		O.A. draft
			7/2/02	William		Technical Editing
			7/3/03	Scott		AC grammar editing
			7/4	Lin	from 沈世雄	一稿
			7/26	fang	from 沈世雄	二稿
			7/28	Alex		客戶改稿

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文件編號	階段	績效編號	日期	記錄人	項目	摘要
			7/29/2003	ly	To: 陳瑞雄	二稿
			8/7	ly	from 陳瑞雄	三稿
			8/7	Alex		客戶改稿 (寄-2003/8/16)
			8/7	ly	To: 陳瑞雄	四稿
			8/12	ly	from 陳瑞雄	五稿
			8/12	Alex		改稿
			8/12	ly	To: 陳瑞雄	四稿
			8/13	ly	from 陳瑞雄	五稿
			8/13	Alex		改稿
			8/14	ly	To: 陳瑞雄	五稿
			8/15	ly	from 陳瑞雄	可送中
④			8/15/2003	Dana	fax 8/10 fedex 8/15	OA 送件
⑤			8/22/2003	"	from PTO	公開通知
⑥			12/16/03	Sandy	"	已刪總代通知
⑦			3/18/04	Sandy	"	Notice of Abandonment
⑧			3/11/04	Sandy	from PAIR system	Search the condition for this case.

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
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1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
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1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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